

**MINUTES OF THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 – 10:30 a.m. – Room W020 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman, Chair
Sen. Allen Christensen
Sen. Fred J. Fife III
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Rep. Duane E. Bourdeaux
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. David Litvak
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Paul Ray

Members Absent:

Rep. LaVar Christensen

Staff Present:

Ms. Stewart E. Smith, Policy Analyst
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy L. Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of related materials can be found at www.le.utah.gov or by contacting the committee secretary, Wendy Bangerter, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting is available from the committee secretary.

1. Committee Business

Chair Buttars called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. Committee members and staff were introduced.

MOTION: Rep. Litvak moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Madsen and Rep. Morley absent for the vote.

Rep. Ray asked the Committee to welcome the Weber County Teenage Republicans.

2. Studies for 2005 Interim

Committee members were asked to consider a survey of potential study items previously distributed to them. Chair Buttars asked members to prioritize their preferences for interim study and return the survey by the end of the meeting.

3. Department of Corrections Mission and Operations

Mr. Scott Carver, Executive Director, Department of Corrections, distributed and reviewed "FY 2006 Offender Growth and Planning." He provided an update and overview of critical issues and decisions facing the department. He discussed performance goals, budget adjustments, and inmate and Adult Probation and Parole populations and projections.

Mr. Cliff Butter, Department of Corrections, clarified some points for the Committee regarding inmate treatment and recidivism.

4. Drug Offender Reform

Sen. Killpack, sponsor of DORA (Drug Offender Reform Act), described the legislation as a pilot study regarding focused screening assessment and treatment for 250 felony drug probationers in Salt Lake County. It is designed to give direction concerning the type of treatment services that are most effective for the drug offender population.

Sen. Thomas visited the Committee and spoke in favor of DORA, stating it would make more beds available for the increasing inmate population.

Ms. Susan Burke, Director, Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council, gave an overview of DORA and the impact of the treatment programs. "Drug Offender Reform Act" was distributed. She reviewed the pilot study with the premise that more effective treatment results in better outcomes and lower recidivism.

MOTION: Rep. Jones moved that the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee adopt DORA as a committee bill for the 2005 First Special Session. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bourdeaux absent for the vote.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

Rep. Litvak reviewed the items for interim study that he is recommending.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bourdeaux absent for the vote.

Chair Buttars adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.